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Applicant: James D. Pylant et al.
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Respectfully submitted,

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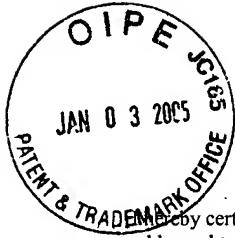
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2004.

Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants understand the Examiner's denial of their request for withdrawal of the restriction requirement. The columns in both embodiments of Figures 3 – 9 can be integrally formed with the container. Nothing in the specification states otherwise.

Therefore, Applicant maintains that the two embodiments do not constitute distinct species.

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